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MEDICAID MEMO

TO: All Providers of Clinical Laboratory Services and Managed Care Organizations Participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program

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MEMO: Special

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SUBJECT: Rate Changes for Clinical Laboratory Services — *Effective July 1, 2014*

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of changes to the reimbursement rates for clinical laboratory services. Clinical laboratory services are defined in the National Clinical Laboratory schedule published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Coverage of these services is described in chapter IV of the independent laboratory, physician, and hospital manuals.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2014, the reimbursement rates for these services will be reduced by 12 percent as mandated in Item 301.CCCC of the 2014 Appropriation Act. The rates for clinical laboratory services are available on the DMAS website under What's New, Search CPT and Procedure Fee Schedule Files.

COMMONWEALTH COORDINATED CARE

Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) is a new initiative to coordinate care for individuals who are currently served by both Medicare and Medicaid and meet certain eligibility requirements. Please visit the website at http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/altc-home.aspx to learn more.

MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

Many Medicaid recipients are enrolled with one of the Department's contracted Managed Care Organizations (MCO). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to an MCO enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the MCO. The MCO may utilize different prior authorization, billing, and reimbursement guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals. For more information, please contact the MCO directly. Additional information about the Medicaid MCO program can be found at http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mc-home.aspx.

VIRGINIA MEDICAID WEB PORTAL

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorizations, and electronic copies of remittance advices. Providers must register through the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal in order to access this information. The Virginia Medicaid Web Portal can be accessed by going to: www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal, please contact the Xerox State Healthcare Web Portal Support Helpdesk, toll free, at 1-866-352-0496 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. The MediCall audio response system provides similar information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider. Providers may also access service authorization information including status via KEPRO's Provider Portal at <http://dmas.kepro.com>.

"HELPLINE"

The "HELPLINE" is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on holidays. The "HELPLINE" numbers are:

1-804-786-6273 Richmond area and out-of-state long distance
1-800-552-8627 All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the "HELPLINE" is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.